

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

OGDEN RIVER WATER USERS

January 12, 2000 - Ogden, Utah

The annual meeting of the Ogden River Water Users convened in the Pine View Water Users offices located at 471 West 2nd Street, Ogden, Utah, at 10:00 A.M. on January 12, 2000.

Those in attendance at the meeting were the following:

Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights
John Mann	Utah Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Utah Division of Water Rights
E. Blaine Johnson	Ogden River Distribution System
Terel Grimley	Ogden River Water Rights
Jimmie A. Papageorge	Ogden River Water Rights
James Randall	Ogden River Water Rights
Ivan W. Flint	Ogden River Water Rights
David S. Humphreys	Ogden River Water Rights
Thomas C. Wikstrom	Glenwood Ditch Company
Larry Williamson	Reta Williamson Trust
Dexter D. Farr	Farr Family Properties
Joseph N. Hill	North Ogden Irrigation Co.
Frank Drake	Eden Irrigation Company
Art Murray	Eden Irrigation Company
Marvin Zaugg	Ogden City Water Utilities
Jim Knight	Rollo-Johnson-Downs Ditch
Darald Michelson	Rollo-Johnson-Downs Ditch

The meeting was called to order by Terel Grimley of the Ogden River Water Rights Committee. The minutes of the January 11, 1999 meeting were read by E. Blaine Johnson. A motion to approve the minutes was presented by James Randall and seconded by Jimmie Papageorge. This motion was approved by those present.

The 1999 Financial Statement was presented by Lee Sim. It was pointed out that the delinquent water assessments on the Ogden River System are among the lowest in the State. There was a motion made by Ivan W. Flint and seconded by David Humphreys that the 1999 Financial Statement be accepted. All present voted in favor.

In his Commissioner's report, E. Blaine Johnson stated that he appreciated the help and support of officers and ditch riders of various irrigation companies, the diligence of his two deputies, Michael Scott and Lee G. Andersen, in distributing the water to the irrigation companies, and for the help of Utah Power and Light Company and the Utah State Engineer's office in taking care of all other things necessary to make the River System run properly. Commissioner Johnson went on to state that streamflow

run-off on the Ogden River was heavy and that the rights were cut later than normal which meant that the water users had ample supply to carry them through the summer and that much carry-over was left at the end of the summer.

The dates when priorities were cut were as follows:

July 5	Pine View water users began using storage
July 10	Weber Basin began using exchange water.
July 13	Cut 1867 rights on lower river.
July 14	Upper Valley using Causey Storage.
Sept. 30	Cut Weber Basin exchange.

End of year storage credits:

Causey	3,950 acre feet
Pine View	10,013 acre feet
Weber Basin Pine View	34,977 acre feet

As of January 11, 2000, the snowpack on the Weber-Ogden water shed is at 64% which is not enough snow for a near normal run-off year. If the snowfall comes at a near normal rate for the rest of the season it will still bring a below normal runoff season.

Pine View has sold 10,000 acre feet of storage to UP&L Company to recover some of the money they spent in previous years buying water to fill the reservoir.

Motion to accept the Commissioner's report was made by Dexter Farr and seconded by Frank Drake. Motion approved by all present.

Mr. Terel Grimley reported on a meeting of the Ogden River Water Rights Association held November 29, 1999. At this meeting Terel Grimley was elected Chairman and Ivan W. Flint Vice-Chairman with E. Blaine Johnson elected as Secretary-Treasurer. This group formulated a budget of \$19,551.54 for the Ogden River System for 2000 which was presented to the Utah State Engineer. It was moved by Tom Wilkstrom and seconded by Marvin Zaugg that the assessed budget of \$19,551.54 be prorated to the water users as in previous years. All present voted in favor and the Utah State Engineer's representative accepted.

The Ogden River Water Rights Committee recommended that E. Blaine Johnson be appointed by the Utah State Engineer as Water Commissioner on the Ogden River for the year 2000. This motion was made by Terel Grimley and seconded by Jim Randall. This was approved by all present and accepted by the Utah State Engineer's representative.

Lee Sim outlined proposed legislation that the State Engineer is proposing to the Legislature this coming session. He

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asked for the support of the water users in getting those measures passed. Potential legislative proposals for 2000 were outlined by Lee Sim which would appoint the commissioners for 4 years so that the appointment of the commissioner would be outside the realm of becoming political. There is no problem in northern Utah but some systems in the state are having problems. Lee also explained HB #184 having to do with title transfers on water rights.

Other business was reported on by Terel Grimley who told of the log jam in the mouth of Ogden canyon at the headworks of the North Ogden Canal. This has been removed by Weber County Flood Control. Terel also reported that the USBR is making drilling tests at pineview dam to test for liquifaction possibilities. Their findings indicate a modification costing between 6 and 20 million dollars depending on which type of modification is determined best for the location. Ivan Flint explained that a similar modification was made on Lost Creek Dam at a cost of 9 million dollars. The bright spot of the modification cost is that the government will pick up 85% of the cost of the modification.

Ivan also reported on activities of the NWRA which at the present time are focussing on the Clean Water Act renewal and the Endangered Species Act which could have an adverse affect on farmers if they are passed as originally written.

There being no further business, Terel Grimley adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A. M.

E. Blaine Johnson, Secretary